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FEDERAL GRANT Montana State Library has received notice of a grant award in the amount of $208,281. With the receipt of the federal grant, State funds in the Library's 1974 budget will be decreased in the amount of $147,808. This leaves $60,473 more in the library budget than the original appropriation of $322,283.

RESTORED SERVICES With the federal funds Montana State Library will re-instate the following services:

A. WATS line will be restored December 1, 1973. When public libraries have requests, or complicated questions needing explanation they may call in on 1-800-332-3400.
For ordinary requests, please continue to use the author, title and subject card request forms. Libraries participating in Federations will continue to phone their requests to headquarters Library which will relay them to Montana State Library.
The same WATS line 1-800-332-3400 will also be used by blind and physically handicapped patrons. The service is available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

B. Montana Public Library film service will be resumed. Public Libraries may borrow films from:

Montana Public Library Film Service
Great Falls Public Library
Great Falls, Montana 59401

C. Montana State Library will publish Public Library Statistics and Directory of Montana Libraries and the annual list of State Documents in the Montana State Library.

D. Montana State Library will pick up photo copying charges for material the Library requests

PEOPLE Bob Cookingham, formerly Deputy Director, Monroe County Library, Monroe, Michigan, was appointed Director of Libraries and Coordinator of South Central Federation of Libraries at Billings, and assumed his position November 1, 1973. Mr. Cookingham was Head of Extension Services, Great Falls Public Library from 1968 to 1970. He holds the Master of Science Library degree from the University of Michigan.

Alene Cooper, Librarian, City-County Library, Glasgow, has been appointed librarian of the Great Falls Public Library and will assume her duties January 2, 1974. Miss Cooper was formerly administrative assistant, Montana State Library and received her Master of Library Science degree from Columbia University.

Shirley Hake, formerly Librarian, South Central Federation of Libraries, Billings, is studying at the University of Chicago.

Ellen Newberg is head of Technical Processes, South Central Federation of Libraries, Billings.

Ethlyn Paris, immediate past chairman, Montana Association of School Librarians urges people interested in media and information services to become involved in the American Association of School Librarians and American Library Association. A check for $25.00 sent to Membership ALA/AASL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611, will provide membership in AASL and ALA and a subscription to American Libraries and School Media Quarterly.

Alaska Division of State Libraries will sponsor a meeting of Western State Library Personnel in Juneau, November 16-18 for the purpose of discussing the federal and state roles in support of library services. LaVern Kohl and Ethel Hill will represent the Montana State Library.

Mrs. Ethel Hill attended the Pacific Northwest Regional meeting of the Medical Library Association held in Salem, Oregon, October 4-6. Mrs. Hill talked to the group of librarians about her work to develop a statewide biomedical communications system for Montana.

Alma Jacobs and Ethel Hill made a joint trip to Glasgow on Wednesday October 17, where Mrs. Jacobs spoke to a sectional meeting of the M.E.A. Visits were also made to public and hospital libraries along the way - Big Sandy, Fort Benton, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Hill County and Havre Public. Mrs. Hill is glad to report that there has been improvement in several of the hospital library collections, and that professional health sciences personnel are becoming better informed through the use of current material and interlibrary loans.

On October 24, Mrs. Hill gave a talk to the Western Health Education Association meeting in Missoula. The meeting was concerned with patient education and the participants showed great interest in the library materials available to them.

Mrs. Martha Hassell, Librarian at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Harrison, attended the Federal Library Workshop held in Denver on September 24-28.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE OF LIBRARIES STUDY — The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Education of the Legislature of which Senator Gilfeather is chairman has been at work on the study of the Administration and Finance of Montana Libraries, and will be reporting to the 1974 session of the Legislature.

COMMISSION MEETING — State Library Commission will hold its regular meeting at Montana State Library on Friday December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

POSITIONS OPEN Head of Extension, South Central Federation of Libraries, Billings will be open January 1, 1974. Applications should be mailed to:

Bob Cookingham
Director of Libraries and Coordinator,
South Central Federation of Libraries
Billings, Montana 59101

MONTANIANA This section of the Newsletter will list all Montana items added to the collection of the State Library since completion of copy for Montana in Print. The State Library will continue to list only those items available in its collection; prepublication notices cannot be accepted.

From the heart, by Lillian Dove. Carlton Press, 1973. Available from author, Boulder, Mt. $2.50.

Some Bitterroot Memories, 1860-1930, by Gladys Ostrom. A homey account of the Florence Community. Available from the author, Florence, Mt., $5.00.

Dusty Corrals, by Myrtle Mockel. Brief sketches of Montana people and places. Available from the author, 501 2nd Ave. W., Williston, North Dakota, $7.50.

Writer of the Plains, by Orrin A. Engen. A biography of B. M. Bower. Available from Luther Norris, P.O. Box 261, Culver City, California, $4.00.

Joseph Culbertson, famous Indian scout who served under General Miles in 1876-1895; true stories of camp life in the early days, by Joseph Culbertson, Wolf Point, Mt., 1958. Available from Berent Vangsness, 1209 S. Garnsey, Santa Ana, California, $3.50.

Pryor Clan History, a booklet written solely by Crow Tribal Members from Pryor, Montana. Available from the Office of the Superintendent of Pryor Public School, $5.00.

In the shadow of the Twin Sisters, Ubet, Garneill, Straw (and) Buffalo, Montana. Lewistown, Montana, 1973. Montana Business Service, P.O. Box 700, Lewistown, Montana, $15.00.

Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs
State Librarian